

South Trumpington Parish Meeting

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Dear Mr Clarke

At its recent meeting South Trumpington Parish Meeting carried out a review of its powers as a parish meeting without a separate parish council.

Section 109 of the Local Government Act 1972 allows the District Council to confer on the Parish Meeting any functions of a parish council. The Parish Meeting identified the following powers that it believes will enable it to function effectively as a parish meeting.

- 1) **Newsletters: Power to provide information relating to matters affecting local government.** *Local Government Act 1972 s.142*
To allow the Parish Meeting to run a newsletter and other information to the parish or to contribute to another group providing this service.
- 2) **Bus Shelters: Powers to provide and maintain Bus shelters. And Power to provide roadside seats and shelters.** *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953, s.4 and Parish Councils Act 1957, s.1*
The Parish Meeting may wish to install bus shelters or roadside benches.
- 3) **Crime prevention: Powers to spend money on crime detection and prevention measures.** *Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.31*
Crime and anti social behaviour are regular topics at the parish meetings. The Parish Meeting would like to have powers to assist the police and other authorities in tackling it, for example with CCTV or neighbourhood watch schemes.
- 4) **Community Centres & Village Halls–Power to provide (and acquire) and equip buildings for social, educational objectives and public meetings.** *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s.19 and Local Government Act 1972, s.133*
The Parish Meeting may wish to acquire and provide buildings for use as community space, which is lacking in the parish.
- 5) **Traffic calming: Power to contribute financially to traffic calming schemes.** *Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.30*
When the spine road into the parish is opened the Parish Meeting has concerns about speeding vehicles and ‘rat running’ in the parish. This power would allow the Parish Meeting to work with other authorities and the police to tackle the issues, with schemes such as community speedwatch.

6) Highways: Power to provide certain traffic signs and other notices. *Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, s.72*

In conjunction to the powers in item 5. we would like to have the ability to erect signs in the village if these were agreed and deemed appropriate by the relevant authority.

7) Litter: Provision of Bins. *Litter Act 1983, s.5,6*

The parish meeting would like the ability to place litter bins in appropriate locations where there is a lack of litter bins.

8) Recreation: Power to provide a wide range of recreational facilities. *Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, s.19*

The Parish Meeting wants to encourage people to be outside and stay active. There are sport and recreation facilities in the parish and the Parish Meeting would like to have the powers to improve the existing facilities (including adding seating and lighting) and to provide additional facilities in the future.

9) Entertainment: Provision of entertainment and support of the arts. *Local Government Act 1972, s.145*

The Parish Meeting wishes to provide a youth group in the parish for young people to attend. As there is currently no other provider for this in the parish and to help with its issues of anti social behaviour (as in item 3) the Parish meeting requests this power.

10) Town and country planning: Right to be notified of planning applications if right has been requested. *Town and Country Planning Act 1990, Sched.1, para.8*

We believe that we have the right to be notified of any planning applications that apply to the Parish so that we are able to make a recommendation in the same way a Parish Council can.

11) Land: Powers to acquire, and accept gifts of, land. *Local Government Act 1972, s.124, 126, 127, 139 and Public Health Act 1875, s.164 and Open Spaces Act 1906, s.9 and 10*

The Parish Meeting currently has no land. It may wish to acquire land in to allow it to provide recreation facilities (item 8) or it may be given some as part of a S106 agreement.

12) Transport: Powers to spend money on community transport schemes. *Local Government and Rating Act 1997, s.26-29*

The Parish Meeting may wish to contribute towards a scheme that is set up. The public transport provision seems to be changing constantly and local services (including to local health centres) may not be sufficient.

13) Power to spend for purposes which no other power exists (Section 137). *Local Government Act 1972 s.137*

The Parish Meeting, due to its limited power requests use of S137 to allow it to spend a limited amount for purposes which there is no specific power. Examples could include a Remembrance Day wreath or to make grants to charitable organisations which provide a direct parish benefit. The Parish Meeting is aware of the limitations of this power.

If you require any additional information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



Mr Ben Stoehr
Clerk